

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Copy control utilizing electronic watermarking has a problem that control specifications are different between different applications and the same processing may include excessive processing depending upon control specifications and may accordingly become inefficient.

A recording apparatus which executes copy control utilizing copy control information which is indicative of plural types of copy control comprises an electronic watermark detection means 103, which detects a predetermined copy control information portion of the copy control information out of a content over which an electronic watermark expressing the copy control information is superimposed, and a recording means 104 which records a content in accordance with a detection result obtained by the electronic watermark detection means.